

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0058] with the following paragraph:

[0058] In step S25, it is judged whether a continuous time $t_{m'}$ (continuous time of HC removal) in which the filter-inlet exhaust gas temperature T is higher than the predetermined temperature T_c exceeds a predetermined removal time t_{m2} . When the time $t_{m'}$ does not exceed the time t_{m2} as a result of the above judgment, step S24 is restarted. When the time $t_{m'}$ exceeds the time t_{m2} as a result of the above judgment, it is judged that removal of unburnt HC is completed to complete the exhaust-gas-temperature-raising-control operation in step S26 and the timer is reset in step S24 for return.

Please ADD new paragraph [0062] at the end of page 16:

[0062] FIG. 7 indicates the relation between load and engine speed of an engine and temperature region, and FIG. 8 shows the time series of a filter inlet exhaust gas temperature and a white-fume producing state in a conventional exhaust gas purifying system.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing(s) include changes to FIGS. 1-2 and 4-7. The sheets containing FIGS. 1-2 and 4-7 replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-2 and 4-7. FIGS. 1-2 and 4-7 have been amended to remove excessive text.